

Lin, Chen Are War's 'Devils'

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Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Page
of the Air Force Systems
Command flew down to Mi-
ami Beach last week to talk
about "new dimensions of

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deterrence" and wound up
discussing Lin Piao.

Such is the extent to
which American officials

have seized upon the harsh
words from Peking. Every
great conflict needs a devil
to personalize it and the
United States has found a
new one, indeed two of
them.

Secretary of State Dean
Rusk began it by describing
Lin's manifesto as akin to
Hitler's Mein Kampf. Deputy
Secretary of Defense Cyrus
Vance, roving Ambassador
W. Averell Harriman, Gen.

Harold K. Johnson, the
Army's Chief of Staff, and
others have now followed
the Rusk lead.

Some for Chen Yi

Lin, the Communist Chi-
nese Defense Minister, is
getting most of the attention.
But Foreign Minister
Chen Yi has had some devil
notices, too. Both are mem-
bers of the ruling Polit-
buro, headed by Mao Tse-
tung, whose famous remark
that "political power grows
out of the barrel of a gun"
was quoted by Lin.

In his Sept. 2 manifesto,
Lin advanced the dogma
that the "countryside" of
Asia, Africa and Latin
America would in time sur-
round the "city" of North
America and Western Eu-
rope; in short, Peking's
formula for world triumph.

Raised the Ante

Chen made it into the
new American pantheon of
Communist devils by his
Sept. 29 press conference.
It was then that he raised
the ante for China's admis-
sion to the United Nations
by declaring that the world
organization first would
have to "rectify its mistakes
and undergo a thorough re-
organization and reform"
as well as wash out its con-
demnation of China for its
role in the Korean War.

Chen's remarks have come
in handy for American of-
ficials busy trying to stem
the drive to admit Red
China into the United Na-
tions, on which debate is due
to begin on Monday. U.S.
Ambassador Arthur J. Gold-
berg used Lin's words in

Cast in the Role By Harsh Words

his maiden U.N. speech to
point up the danger lurking
behind the bamboo curtain.

Both Circulated

Both documents have been
circulated to numerous dip-
lomats at the U.N. in ad-
vance of the vote on Pe-
king's admission.

About the only top Ad-
ministration official so far
to neglect citing the new
devils is President Johnson
himself. And he has been
laid up.

Mr. Johnson has bridled
at the epithet of "emperor"
used by the Chinese to de-
scribe him. His reaction to
the more current title of
"the new Hitler" can readily
be imagined. The need for
devils, of course, is not ex-
clusive with the United
States.

However, useful Adminis-
tration leaders may find the

words of Lin and Chen to
be at the moment, many
serious students of diplo-
macy in and out of the Gov-
ernment are unhappy over
the current practice.

They are unhappy at the
use for political warfare of
Nikita Khrushchev's famous
"we will bury you" remark.
Time and altered circum-
stances tended to wash that
one out and Khrushchev
himself has departed the
scene.

In the case of China,
however, the repeated use
of Lin and Chen digs even
deeper the gulf between the
two great powers on oppo-
site sides of the Pacific, a
gulf which someday will
somehow have to be bridged
if war is to be avoided.

Such is the classic prob-
lem of word slinging in
political warfare.